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(Helicopter)
New River, Jacksonville
North Carolina 28540

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps, Washington D.C. (Code HD)
Via: Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Eastern Area

Subj: Semiannual Command Chronology, period 1 January to 30 June 1974

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1_

1. In accordance with reference (a), the Semiannual Command Chronology for Marine Corps Air Station (Helicopter) New River is hereby submitted.

2. Organizational Data

a. Designation and Location. MCAS (H) New River is located in the vicinity of Jacksonville, North Carolina, and is under the military command of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, who exercises his command through the Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Eastern Area. The Commandant of the Marine Corps provides primary logistics support for the Air Station and the Commandant, Fifth Naval District is the designated area coordinator. Aircraft, aircraft spares and related aeronautical support equipment logistics is provided by the Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of Naval Materiel.

The assigned mission is to maintain and operate facilities and provide service and materiel to support operations of a Marine Aircraft Wing, or units thereof, and other activities and units as designated by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in coordination with the Chief of Naval Operations.

b. Period Covered. Period covered by this report is 1 January to 30 June 1974.

c. Command and Staff Assignments

Commanding Officer

Col G. C. DOSTER

Executive Officer

LtCol J. G. WALKER
1 Jan - 13 May 74
Lt Col G. F. GALLAGHER
14 May - 30 Jun 74

S-1 Officer	LtCol M O. MARTINEZ
Personnel Officer	Maj F. E. LAND 1 Jan - 31 Mar 74
Station Adjutant	Maj T. E. PITTS 1 Jan - 12 Jun 74 2/Lt K. R. SHEPPARD 13 Jun - 30 Jun 74
S-3 Officer	LtCol G. F. GALLAGHER 1 Jan - 30 Jun 74
Airfield Operations Officer	Maj G. W. COX 1 Jan - 24 Mar 74 Capt D. R. GRESHAM 25 Mar - 30 Jun 74
Air Traffic Control Officer	Capt D. R. GRESHAM
S-4 Officer	LtCol G. M. BLACKBURN
Comptroller	LtCol R. W. CARR
Services Officer	Maj W. M. BUSH
Spl Services Officer	Capt B. D. MILO
Commanding Officer, H&HS	Maj H. R. MILLS 1 Jan - 26 Feb 74 Maj J. L. PUGH 27 Feb - 30 Jun 74
Executive Officer, H&HS	Capt J. A. PARKER 1 Jan - 12 Jun 74 Capt C. COLLINS III 13 Jun - 30 Jun 74
Supply Officer	LCdr E. W. BILICKE 1 Jan - 3 Jun 74 CWO-3 B. D. REDIC 4 Jun - 30 Jun 74
Disbursing Officer	Maj N. M. SCOTT
Dental Officer	Capt R. M. HOFFMAN USN
Medical Officer	Capt H. W. HILL 1 Jan - 7 Jun 74

Comm/Elect Officer	Capt M. G. CAMERON
Public Affairs Officer	CWO-3 R. J. LARSON 1 Jan - 1 Jun 74 GySgt K. S. SEMPLE 2 Jun - 30 Jun 74
Provost Marshal	Capt R. K. SCHAFFER
Motor Transport Officer	2/Lt C. J. CALLAGHAN
MCX Officer	Capt D. W. JOHNSON
Mess Officer	CWO-3 B. D. REDIC 1 Jan - 3 Jun 74 1/Lt T. J. ROTHCHILD 4 Jun - 30 Jun 74
COM(O) Treasurer	Maj A. A. FRISENDA 1 Jan - 9 May 74 Capt W. R. WENZELL 10 May - 30 Jun 74
Catholic Chaplain	LCdr B. J. GROCHOWSKI USN
Protestant Chaplain	Cdr W. A. SMITH USN
Station SgtMaj	SgtMaj A. L. BUNTING Jr.

d. Average Strength. The average monthly strength during this period was 668 personnel. This figure includes officer and enlisted, permanent and attached personnel.

3. Personnel

a. During this period, 99 permanent personnel and 150 FAP personnel were joined. Fifty-four permanent personnel were transferred and 157 FAP personnel were terminated.

b. Twenty-three Marines were reenlisted and 60 Marines were released from active duty/discharged.

c. During this period, the following promotions were effected within this command:

1stSgt - 1; SSgt - 2; Sgt - 23; Cpl - 75; LCpl - 33; PFC - 20

d. The following decorations/awards were presented to members of this Squadron during this period at appropriate ceremonies:

Good Conduct Medal	45
Letter of Recognition	3

Meritorious Mast	7
Letter of Commendation	4
Certificate of Commendation	1
Letter of Appreciation	6

e. Civilian Personnel

(1) The following information is submitted for Civil Service personnel for period ending 30 June 1974.

(a) Ceiling	<u>Graded</u>	<u>Ungraded</u>	<u>Total</u>
Full time permanent			208
Additional billets authorized under Civ/Sub Program for FY74			24
TOTAL			232
On Board (including Civ/Sub)	72	134	206

(b) During this period three employees retired.

(c) The civilian turnover was 41 separations and 47 accessions.

4. Training

a. General

(1) The Training Support Center is responsible to the MCAS(H) S-3 for providing Aviation Training to units of the Second Marine Air Wing stationed at MCAS(H) New River, in addition to operating an Audio-Visual/Film Library Branch.

(2) Personnel who man the Training Support Center are also directly responsible to the Commanding Officer, H&HS for coordinating and implementing Individual Training of Enlisted Men, which includes Rifle Marksmanship, and Familiarization Firing, the command Weight Control Program, MCI, Essential Subjects Training and Testing, Troop information, Mission Oriented Training, SNCO and NCO Leadership Training, and Coordinating MOS training.

(3) Certain personnel within the Training Support Center are responsible for providing instruction on Defensive Driving.

b. Aviation Training

(1) The Operational Flight/Weapons System Branch has two major training devices.

(a) The 2F75 is the CH-46D Operational Flight Trainer. It is in a non-reporting status awaiting disposition instructions. It no longer meets the requirements of the utilizing activities.

(b) The 2B10 A is a basic Helicopter Instrument Trainer and was scheduled 420 hours. It was available 386 hours and utilized 304 hours. This reflects a utilization percentage of 79.9%. On 10 May 1974 CMC declared the 2B10A in excess of training requirements. It is awaiting disposition.

(2) Audio-Visual/Film Library Branch has 104 items of equipment on hand and has issued on temporary and extended custody the following number of occasions: Movie projectors - 256; screens - 110; slide projectors - 52; overhead projectors - 42; opaque projectors - 22; films - 750; lecturricanes - 28; tape recorders - 12. This Branch does all preventive maintenance and repairs on these devices plus those belonging to other units. The branch has also made 375 transparencies for use as training aids. The T/O for this Branch is manned by two personnel, one of which is supposed to be filled by Fleet Augmentation. However, due to a lack of inputs, this billet has been filled by various Training Device Technicians from this Center.

c. Individual Training

(1) Rifle Marksmanship. 47 personnel fired the M-14 rifle for qualification attaining 91.5% qualification rate.

(2) Physical Fitness. The final calendar quarter showed 515 Marines performing the PFT. There were 44 failures.

(3) Weight Control. Since 1 Jan 1974, 41 Marines have been placed on the Weight Control Program. Fourteen have been transferred, one has been discharged at EAS, 8 made satisfactory improvement and have been released from the program. Currently there are 14 assigned. This group runs 12-14 miles a week and has regular periods of continuous calisthenics.

(4) Drownproofing. Tests resulted in 5 qualified out of 20 participants.

(5) Pistol Requalification. Resulted in 80 Officers and SNCO's qualifying with respective T/O weapons. In addition, 28 Sergeants and below received familiarization firing.

5. Airfield Operations

a. Crash Crew and Fire Department

(1) Crash Crew Division. The combined Crash Crew and Structural Fire Department has 20 vehicles assigned for aircraft and structural fire protection. Two of the 20 pieces are on loan from Marine Aircraft Group 26 and three are on loan from Marine Aircraft Group 29 and are used to supplement the station equipment.

(2) The Crash Crew Division accomplished the following during the period 1 Jan - 30 Jun 1974.

(a) Aircraft Accidents. Crash Crew responded to four aircraft accidents: On 11 Feb 74 a AH-1J crashed 800 feet from approach end of Runway 36, 75 feet off right side. On 3 Apr 74 a CH-46 exploded on Mat #6. On 18 Apr 74 a C-1A ran off the left side of Runway #36. On 29 Apr 74 a CH-53D caught fire on Mat #3.

(b) Aircraft Standbys. The Station Crash Crew stood by for 48 emergencies.

(c) Manned Equipment. The Station Crash Crew spent 2196.6 hours manning the "hot spot" position for landing and departing aircraft, stood by for 19 defuels, 143 washdowns of fuel spills and 17 escorts.

(d) Training. 1521 man hours were spent on Crash Crew training. This total includes cross training with the Structural Fire Department.

b. Aircraft Maintenance Division

(1) During the period, there were 1436.0 aircraft flight hours flown by aircraft assigned for station support (tenant helicopter aircraft Groups not included). Total flight time by type aircraft was as follows: T-28B - 792.3; US-2B - 643.7.

(2) During this period an average of 237.4 hours per month were flown.

(3) Aircraft transactions were as follows: Aircraft BUNO 136395 was received on 14 April 1974; Aircraft BUNO 136549 was received on 19 March 1974. Aircraft BUNO 138223 was transferred on 6 May 1974 and Aircraft BUNO 137668 was transferred on 1 May 1974.

(4) Operational Readiness Report is as follows:

TYPE <u>EQUIP</u>	PERCENT OPER'AL <u>READY</u>	PERCENT NOT OPER'AL <u>READY SUPPLY</u>	PERCENT NOT OPER'AL <u>READY MAINT</u>	PERCENT NOT OPER'AL <u>READY</u>
US-2B	61.9	26.2	20.1	46.3
T-28B	54.8	21.0	18.8	39.8

c. Flight Support Division

(1) The Flight Support Division supported an average of 50 pilots from 2d MarDiv, 2d Anglico and H&HS New River. This support entailed 1858 pilot hours on 511 proficiency or logistic flights on the average of six aircraft assigned to this Station. This Section also renewed 7 Standard and 5 Special Instrument Cards.

d. Weather Service Division

(1) Personnel. On 30 June 1974 this Division had the following on hand strength.

(a)	OIC 2/Lt	(1)	6802
(b)	NCOIC MGYSGT	(1)	6842
(c)	Forecasters	(8)	6842
(d)	Asst Forecasters	(1)	6842
(e)	Observer/ Rawinsonde	(3)	6831
(f)	Observers	(22)	6821
(g)	Technicians	(3)	2853

During this reporting period, the following personnel were transferred (tr)/joined (jd)/discharged (disc)/reassigned (rea):

(a)	Observers (6821)	(tr) 11	(rea) 0	(jd) 5
(b)	Observer/ Rawinsonde (6831)	(tr) 0	(rea) 0	(jd) 3

(2) Administration

(a) This Division maintains a 24 hour daily forecaster and observational program, with forecasts produced and disseminated locally and observations transmitted via Air Force teletype circuit plus local dissemination.

(b) A total of 813 IFR, 760 VFR and 396 local flight forecasts were issued, in addition, 84 destructive weather warnings were disseminated to parent and tenant commands at MCAS(H) and Camp Lejeune.

(c) Monthly climatological, astronomical and tidal data was computed and published for use at the Air Station and Camp Lejeune.

(d) Blast Focus Forecasts were prepared and disseminated on a daily basis to Camp Lejeune G-3 Training, Range Control and Cherry Point TACC.

(3) Training

(a) Weather observing techniques, 302 hours.

- (b) Weather forecasting techniques, 110 hours.
- (c) Weather equipment maintenance, 43 hours.
- (d) Weather Officer and NCOIC attended 1974 Weather Service Symposium at HQMC.
- (e) One person completed Forecasters School.

(4) Lectures

- (a) Thirteen (13) one hour lectures were given to tenant command pilots.
- (b) Three (3) 30 min. lectures were given to Girl Scouts of America.

(5) Community Relations

- (a) Weather Office tours consisted of 17 adults, 341 children and 15 teachers.
- (b) Weather Officer attended a conference with State and local disaster control officials.

(6) New Programs and Changes and/or Status of Existing Programs

(a) Teletype transmission of aviation forecasts has been approved for New River and was originally scheduled for January 1974, but delayed due to inability of telephone company to supply equipment. It is expected to be installed in July 1974.

(b) Mobile maintenance van (weather) GMD type used for upper air soundings, was received on subcustody from MAG-26. Although we have no T/O for personnel to operate this van, it is expected that training will be held to familiarize personnel with the equipment. This equipment is located near the Operations Building on a concrete pad between Operations and the old SNCO Club. Remote antenna for balloon and transmitter tracking is located on the concrete pad adjacent to the Flying Club. Main power supply has not been installed as of this date.

(7) Command Relations with Other Military Organizations within the Immediate Area. The Weather Dept. provided one (1) forecaster and five (5) observers for Operation Solid Shield.

e. Air Traffic Control Division

(1) Air Traffic Operations. Total operations during the reporting period were: VFR Traffic - 57,533; SVFR Traffic - 3,584; IFR Traffic - 1,425; Flying Club - 7,686 for a total of 70,228 airfield operations. There were 552 passengers manifested of whom 13 were VIP's. The Visiting Aircraft Line serviced 848 transient aircraft and moved 31.5 tons of cargo. Total operating hours numbered 2,221.

(2) Significant Events

(a) The average personnel strength during this period numbered 35 Marines and 2 civilians. The average tower strength was 23 Marines and 1 civilian. The average flight clearance strength was 10 and visiting aircraft line average 2 Marines and 1 civilian. These average numbers include Fleet Assistance Personnel.

(b) Rehabilitation of the MCAS(H) tower began 18 May 1974. A field expeditionary tower (TSA-12) has been used since 18 May 1974.

(c) Ground Control Approach Radar (GCA) vans, operations trailer, power trailer and prime mover placed into position and surveyed on 12 June 1974.

(3) Training. The Control Tower Branch reported 6 Ground Control, 6 Flight Data and 1 FAA Facility Rating Qualification issued. One Marine successfully completed GCA "C" School at NATTC Glynco, Ga. The Flight Clearance Branch reported the qualification of 2 7041's and 2 6712's to 7041 as a result of OJT.

6. Public Works Department

(a) Projects which were accepted as useably completed during this reporting period:

(1) Replace heating units in public quarters awarded 26 June 1973; completed 26 Jan 1974; cost \$35,764.

(2) Staff NCO Club awarded 3 May 1972; completed 9 May 1974; cost \$498,168.

(3) Barracks modernization awarded 13 Oct 1972; completed 2 May 1974; cost \$1,249,016.

(4) Repairs and painting hangar Bldg. 840 awarded 29 June 1973; completed 10 Apr 1974; cost \$86,706.

(5) Repairs and painting hangar Bldg. 504 awarded 29 June 1973; completed 11 Mar 1974; cost \$267,000.

(6) Repairs and painting hangar Bldg. 515 awarded 29 June 1973; completed 9 Feb 1974; cost \$83,862.

(7) Repaint water tanks awarded 25 Sep 1973; completed 21 May 1974; cost \$12,715.

b. Projects which were awarded during the above period, but are not completed are:

(1) Resurface paved roads awarded 21 Mar 1974; completion date 1 Jan 1975; cost \$125,506. (This contract included, by change order of \$47,567, emergency repairs to runway 5/23).

(2) Installation of storm doors awarded 27 Feb 1974; completion date 12 July 1974; cost \$17,000.

(3) Exterior painting of public quarters awarded 29 May 1974; completion date 10 Nov 1974; cost \$19,800.

(4) Replace heating units in public quarters awarded 29 May 1974; completion date 9 Jan 1975; cost \$36,894.

(5) GCA power awarded 10 June 1973; completion date June 1974; cost \$30,723.

(6) Housing electrical repairs and improvements awarded 29 June 1973; completion date June 1974; cost \$24,750.

c. The following contracts were scheduled for award in late June 1974:

(1) Pave GCA site; estimated cost \$2,000.

(2) Repairs to hangar Bldg. 518; estimated cost \$35,800.

(3) Repairs to Mess Hall Bldg. 226; estimated cost \$106,000.

(4) Repair overhead Electrical Distribution System; estimated cost \$56,100.

(5) Replace housing roofs; estimated cost \$369,000.

7. Communications/Electronics Department

a. AN/FRA-11 Control Monitor Group

The AN/FRA-11 was installed in the control tower in June by NAVELEX LANT DIV, Norfolk, Va.

b. AN/CPN-4 Radar

The AN/CPN-4 unit arrived on station and is scheduled for continuous testing during July 1974.

c. Telephone System

The telephone system aboard the Station was consolidated with MCB, Camp Lejeune 30 June 1974.

d. Digital Subscriber Terminal Equipment

A rehabilitated DSTE was installed in the Communications Center in June 1974.

e. A. B. DICK 1500 Copy System

An A. B. DICK 1500 Copy System was installed in June 1974 to facilitate message reproduction and improve the quality of messages put on distribution within the Station.

8. Comptroller Department

a. On 15 April 1974 the Comptroller Department submitted apportionment request to the Commandant of the Marine Corps transferring \$2,571,513 funding authority to MCB, Camp Lejeune as a result of consolidation of Station functions under Marine Corps Base.

9. Command Relations with other Military Organizations in the Immediate Area. Command relations with other military organizations in the Jacksonville Area is one of mutual support and reciprocal cooperation in all areas where command functions overlap. This mutual support has evolved through experience and has resulted in harmonious working relationships.

10. Public Affairs

a. MGen Leslie E. BROWN, COMCABEAST, visited MCAS(H) New River on 14 Feb 74 for a three day inspection tour, in connection with a tour of all East Coast Air Stations.

b. MCAS(H) New River hosted it's first all Marine Judo Tournament on 27 Feb 74 at the Station Gym with approximately 50 participants.

c. LtGen George C. AXTELL Jr. CG, FMFLant, visited MCAS(H) New River on 14 Mar 74 during his tour of FMFLant Commands.

d. RAdm Waldemar Ullis GIROMINI, Chief, Argentine Marine Corps, visited MCAS(H) New River during a stop-over on his visit of U. S. installations on 26 Mar 74.

e. On 18 Apr 74 an Air Force C-5A Galaxy, the world's largest aircraft, landed at MCAS(H) New River for the first time to provide embarkation training for MAG-29 Marines.

f. Seven Air Station Marines completed a 300 mile run to MCAS Beaufort and MCRD Parris Island, S. C. on 10 May 1974. This was the first time anyone had attempted a marathon run of this sort.

g. LtGen Yun-San Kim, Vice Chief of Naval Operations for Marine Affairs, Republic of Korea, visited MCAS(H) New River enroute to Camp Lejeune on 17 May 74.

h. The last operational VH-34 "Sea Horse" helicopter was mounted at the Air Station's Main Gate on 20 June 74, bringing an end to 20 years of service by the '34's.

i. One thousand sixty-seven visitors, on 10 different occasions, were hosted by the Air Station for tours and static displays. These visitors included elementary, high school, JROTC and ROTC students from various schools and Universities plus other groups.


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